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Editorial.

A GREAT REVIVAL.

The revival services at Warsaw, Indiana, have come to a close, and Brother Yoder is spending a few weeks at home with his people, at Morrill, Kan. The result of the meeting is 101 confessions, and the membership greatly revived and encouraged. A deep spirituality characterized all the services, and there was every manifestation of the powerful, yet quiet workings of grace in the hearts of the people. We rejoice with the Brethren at Warsaw over the victory they have won. Brother Yoder has proven himself a "workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Consecration and concentration, will do the work. Two things are absolutely essential to the highest success in spiritual work: *Concentration* and *consecration*. It is important that our means are consecrated to the Lord, but it is no less important that we *organize* and *concentrate* our efforts.

The county in which Warsaw is located, has been specially blest within the last four or five months, and can now boast of being the banner county, not only in the State of Indiana, but in the whole brotherhood. Here are located, Sidney, Warsaw, Milford, Salem Union and Claypool, two of which, Warsaw and Milford, have each a membership of 300. At each of these places, very successful revival meetings have been held during the winter, and the congregations are in good working order. It should be remembered that the above named congregations are in the vicinity where the famous Arnold Annual meeting of the German Baptists was held and the boast was made in the *Gospel Messenger* that, "in the vicinity of that Annual meeting the Brethren are solid for A. M." It was here too, where a number of our own ministering brethren made shipwreck of the faith, and struck a severe blow at the cause of the Brethren church, from all of which our people have safely emerged, and are proving to the world that a Gospel-alone doctrine is able

to triumph over the strongest opposition and persecution. We praise God for a Gospel that is the "power of God unto salvation." The cause of the Brethren church is moving grandly forward. Opposition and even persecution encounter us on the way, but we have no reason for discouragement. Let us "thank God and take courage."

A WORKING CHURCH.

In a great many churches there are entirely too many drones—"donothings." It is remarkable to note the disproportion between what a church *can* do and what it really does. The practical Christian work done by most congregations is way out of proportion when compared with the power and resources of the congregation. This is true of individual church members as well as of churches and congregations. Just what is to be done with "drones" in the church, is a question that has perplexed more than one pastor. It is well known what the busy bees do with drones. At a certain time of the year, they make war upon them, drag them out of the hive and kill them. We do not think that this process should be transferred to the church, but some method of discipline should be inaugurated which will give *each member of the church something to do*. This is the secret of a successful, working church—to have something for each member to do.

Perhaps no other church in America is so thoroughly organized for practical Christian work, as the Baptist Temple church of Philadelphia, of which Dr. Conwell is pastor. He is thoroughly practical in his methods. He says: "While some pray with religious phraseology that the stray calf may be sent home, others have gone after him and brought him back. Some men make religion so dreamy, so unreal, so unnatural, that the more they believe in it the less practical they become. They expect ravens to feed them, the cruse of oil to be inexhaustible, and the fish to come on the right side of the ship at breakfast time. They trust in God and loaf about." The plan adopted by Dr. Conwell is a simple one, and could be adopted and used on a small scale to great advantage, by other churches. When a person becomes a member of the Temple church he is given a pamphlet of sixteen pages, called the "Worker's Hand-Book." This little book informs the recipient how he can do successful work for the church. Among

many other duties, at the very outset the reader is reminded of some very important general duties as follows:

To read the Scriptures regularly.

To pray sincerely and daily for God's guidance.

To lead a straightforward, frank Christian life.

To attend the church services punctually.

To join one or more of the active organizations in the church and make its work a special object of prayer and vigorous effort.

To become a systematic contributor to the Church funds.

Always to speak well of the Church and its work, and encourage others in so doing.

To invite friends and strangers to the church services and arrange for their accommodation.

To watch over one another, especially new comers.

To remember that this church is a city set upon a hill.

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2. *Our Bible, Our Church, Our Country*. This is the title of a book containing over 500 pages, beautifully illustrated, and nicely bound in cloth, with gilt back and sides, a very handsome volume. It will grace any library. The contents of the book are in harmony with the mechanical makeup. The book retails at \$2.50. We have 100 copies left. By special arrangements with the author, brother J. D. McFaden, we are allowed to make this exceedingly liberal offer. For \$2.00 cash, we will mail you this book, and the EVANGELIST to the end of the year.

3. *Christian Heroes and Martyrs*. This is a remarkable book. It opens at